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WATERING IN FALL SAVES EVERGREENS

A long, deep drink of water this fall may save your evergreens from being winter-killed during the coming cold weather. Contrary to popular opinion, evergreens that turn brown in winter are probably doing so because of water shortage rather than cold.

When the sun shines in winter, evergreen needles or leaves need moisture to supply that lost by evaporation. Unless the tree has enough moisture, the leaves may dry and die. When the ground is frozen, the roots in the frozen area are unable to draw moisture from the soil. Those in the lower levels, below the frozen zone, can take up water, however; and that is the reason why evergreens, especially the broad-leaved varieties like laurel and rhododendron, need to be generously watered during the fall months.

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